

We witnessed the true miracle of life and the power of life. We must be a Nation that cherishes life and gives support to women facing unintended pregnancies.

Every soul has value and purpose, and it is my pledge that my work in this distinguished body will be to fervently and faithfully protect the unborn.

#### CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RON KLAIN

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic achievements of Ron Klain, one of the best chiefs of staff in modern American history.

Ron Klain helped craft the American Rescue Plan, finally prioritizing working families and the middle class.

Ron Klain helped implement the President's vaccine plan that made Americans return to normal life.

He was key, in a closely divided House and Senate, to passing the CHIPS and Science Act. He was key to the infrastructure bill, to help the House caucus come together, progressives and moderates, and Republicans.

Ron Klain succeeded because he had personal relationships with so many Members. I believe when history is written, he will be regarded as one of the best chiefs of staff.

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#### NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight to offer my support for the National School Choice Week.

Our public education system is in dire need of reform. School administrators seem to prioritize indoctrinating students with critical race theory and other leftwing ideology, not even actually teaching them reading, writing, or math.

As a result, our students' scores in these subjects are far below other nations in the past. Schools are clearly failing to prepare our children for success. Instead, they are hiding their agenda from parents who have a right to know.

Parents have the right to know and they only want the best for their children. They want to put them in better schools and they want to have the choice to do so. National School Choice Week gives parents the option and flexibility to place their children in an institution that best fits the child's needs and their values.

It is a simple, popular solution to fix our failing public education system. School choice will incentivize public

schools to compete for each student by offering a quality education that will improve their prospects for future success.

If the public education system doesn't work for students, it is time to reform it so that it does.

#### SHORTAGE OF HOUSING RENTAL UNITS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have another issue I think that this body ought to take up and that the news media ought to be looking into—and that is another cost of the huge number of illegal immigrants entering this country.

It has been brought to my attention by property developers that we already have a shortage of over 4 million rental units or residential units in the country. When we let in another 2 million people a year, what do you think happens?

It further causes a shortage of rental units and sometimes single-family units in this country, which results in what?

The law of supply and demand is driving up rents because of all the people coming in the country. We know already—a huge, new expense for schools as we have to educate illegals. We know about President Biden's vow to pay for free healthcare for illegals, which he is fulfilling.

But for the individual looking for rental units, is their rent going up \$100, \$200, or \$300 as we continue to have this shortage.

It is time the press got on this issue. It is time that the Congress got on this issue, and let people know—particularly in the southern United States—if your rents are going up, it is because of all these people that are being allowed in the country.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE DECISION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include any extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Abortion is one of the greatest tragedies in our Nation, and Roe v. Wade opened the door for abortions on demand until birth.

Over the last five decades, more than 60 million unborn lives have been taken and a tragic, irreversible mark has been left on countless mothers, fathers, and families.

While there is still so much work to be done, I stand here hopeful. The pro-life community is stronger than ever. With last year's Dobbs v. Jackson decision, this country is beginning to move in the right direction to defend the defenseless and support life. We are changing hearts and minds.

Of course, we still have a long way to go in this fight, and I am proud that one of the first things that we voted on in this Congress was the born-alive act to protect babies who have survived an attempted abortion.

I am also proud to have introduced two bills to help protect the unborn, women, and taxpayers: the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, which I was asked to carry by former Congresswoman Vickie Hartzler who carried the bill in the last Congress, and the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act.

We know that Americans across the country value the lives of the precious unborn babies, and it is just wrong to force them to spend their tax dollars on something that goes against their most closely held values.

This evening, I am pleased to be joined by so many champions of the unborn to celebrate the victories, with many more to come.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD), who is championing the efforts with Chairman BOST to end taxpayer-funded abortions at the VA. He has been a lead sponsor of the Women's Public Health and Safety Act, which gives States the authority to exclude abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood, from receiving Medicaid funds.

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, Friday, thousands of Americans participated in the March for Life in support of the most vulnerable in our society who have no voice: the preborn.

Today, we continue to recognize the dignity of every individual and fight for the most fundamental right of all: the right to life. Our instincts were always right. Science has revealed it is not just a clump of cells in the womb. At 15 weeks, babies suck their thumbs, kick, jump, have fully developed hearts, and can feel pain.

What looks like a baby in the womb, revealed to us through ultrasound technology, is in fact a baby when they are born.

The radical Roe v. Wade decision was based on bad science and bad jurisprudence, and I am grateful that it was overturned.

Now is the time where we as a Nation must continue to build a culture that respects life and recognizes the God-given dignity of every individual and that first unalienable right: the right to life.

Despite the terror tactics we have seen come from pro-abortionists—burning and vandalizing pregnancy centers

and churches—the pro-life movement has not winced.

Pregnancy centers across the country continue operating, providing mothers with true healthcare, and they are saving lives.

Mr. Speaker, I join with these and millions across our Nation in serving as a voice for the voiceless. I, along with my fellow colleagues here, will continue to work to advance legislation that protects the preborn and the right to life.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN), who will be reintroducing the Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act which would compel States to report both the number of abortions and the number of infants born alive after an abortion attempt.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 1-year anniversary of the overturning of the Roe v. Wade decision.

A year ago, the Supreme Court has decided to allow the States to handle the issue of abortion themselves, ending more than 49 years of heart-breaking Federal precedent.

When we celebrate pro-life victories like this, we should not do so in a way that causes emotional pain to those women who have had an abortion; nor should we back down from being unapologetically pro-life. I believe that abortion as a matter of convenience or everyday birth control is flatout wrong.

I would like to recognize the contributions of pro-life pregnancy centers throughout our Nation that offer compassionate support and care to women as they choose to become mothers and bring life into this world.

The Palmetto Women's Center in my district is focused on uniting hope, health, and healing to women as they bring children into the world. The center is working to lower the number of abortions in South Carolina and supporting women as they choose life for their children. I applaud the work that pro-life centers are doing, and I will continue to be an advocate for all that they do.

Although giving the power on how to handle the issues of abortion back to the States through the favorable Dobbs ruling is a big win, it does not mean the work of the pro-life movement is done. Action at the State and local level will only grow in importance in the coming years. I will continue to be a voice for the voiceless.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I know that we will all continue to be a voice for the voiceless. It is so important, and our work is not done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE), another defender of life.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, as our country grapples with how to respond to this pressing moment facing women, families, and children, I believe we must strive for a better, more compassionate future.

All Americans want women and their babies to be safe, loved, and empowered, no matter their situation or socioeconomic status.

I believe Americans are capable of seizing this moment and coming together to support those facing tremendous challenges and uncertainty.

We can support critical, comprehensive services for women in need. We can make it easier for working-class families to earn money and raise children, and we can support the rights and dignity of our youngest Americans.

This month, I was elected to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, and I intend to use this position to do better by American families.

We owe our most vulnerable children more effective policies that give them a better runway to achieve their dreams in a broken world.

I am engaging on Title IV-B and IV-E programs to ensure child welfare and foster care programs are as evidence based as MIECHV.

I am engaging on the Connecting Forever Families Act to expedite foster care placements and help child welfare courts adopt new procedures to address the unacceptable delays and backlogs for children waiting for placements in supportive homes.

I will fight for children in foster care who have to spend nights in shelters, government offices, or other inappropriate settings because of our congregate care crisis.

I am shedding light on the unfair audit rates of families who have claimed their adoption tax credit, 70 percent of whom were audited in the most recent available data.

Children are obviously our future and we must work harder to ensure every child has the opportunity and resources to thrive and succeed.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for all of his work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE), who reintroduced the Protect the UNBORN Act last week to prohibit the implementation of and funding for President Biden's pro-abortion executive orders.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday, on January 22, our Nation mourned the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the treacherous ruling that paved the way for the murder of more than 60 million innocent babies, all precious, all worth saving, and all made in the perfect image of God.

Thankfully, the victorious Dobbs ruling overturned Roe v. Wade last year, rightfully returning the issue of abortion back to the States. However, while we champion this momentous win in the fight for the unborn, we cannot forget the millions of lives lost to the evils of abortion.

Today, I introduced a resolution to recognize January 22 as the "Day of Tears" to honor and mourn the loss of these unborn children.

But in the face of President Biden's pro-abortion agenda, we must do more

to defend the sanctity of human life. May God raise up more warriors to protect innocent life because life, after all, is our first and foremost fundamental unalienable right.

Last week, I proudly introduced—with nearly 90 original cosponsors—the Protect the UNBORN Act to block and defund President Biden's pro-abortion executive orders. Congress must take action to protect the unborn and prevent taxpayer dollars from funding the left's radical and destructive abortion agenda.

We must never downplay the evils of abortion. As an unapologetic pro-life advocate, I am proud to defend the unborn and fight for the sanctity of life.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN), who is looking forward to reintroducing the Second Chance at Life Act, which would require abortion facilities to provide information at least 24 hours in advance that explains that the chemical abortion process may be reversed before taking the second of the two drugs required.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the lives lost due to the Roe v. Wade decision. There are an estimated 64 million American souls who are missing as a result. We gather today on this 50th anniversary, solemnly, but hopefully.

As Members of Congress, we are tasked with representing our constituents, even the unborn ones. I will always speak out and fight to protect the sanctity of these lives.

It is difficult to imagine how we as a Nation allowed this decision to stand for almost 50 years. I have hope and know that the Supreme Court has provided for us a brighter future with their decision in Dobbs.

Last Congress, as was just stated, I introduced the Second Chance at Life Act. Chemical abortions can be reversed with no harm to the child if the pregnant mother develops second thoughts midway through the chemical abortion process. My legislation, again, in this Congress, will give the opportunity of life for thousands of unborn children.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Representative SMITH and Representative FISCHBACH for their leadership in the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and for holding this Special Order.

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Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his pro-life leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN), who is a great defender of life.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate CHRIS SMITH, and I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH) for having this Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, today, as we mourn the millions of babies lost because of the decision in Roe v. Wade 53 years ago, we also celebrate the millions that will

be saved now because that decision has been overturned.

Tragically, Mr. Speaker, my Democratic colleagues would rather spread lies about the Supreme Court decision than to tell the truth. They want to deceive you into believing that Republicans don't care about women's health—that is crazy—even as they enable and encourage biological men to use women's bathrooms and to compete in women's sports, and they are content to simply watch pro-abortion thugs attack and burn pregnancy centers and churches around the country.

They may refuse the truth because it doesn't further their anti-life agenda, but they can't change it. The truth is that the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* returned the power to where it belongs, and that is to States.

So today I celebrate that decision, I pray for those taken, and I renew my promise to never surrender the fight for our unborn. I will always defend the voiceless, and I will always stand for life.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES), who is a freshman and a great pro-lifer.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman FISCHBACH for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, the Supreme Court handed down a decision that will live in infamy. Because of that opinion, over 63 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion.

In time, future generations will look back at this moment in American history and wonder how the greatest country in the world could have permitted modern-day slaughter of the innocent. Our Nation has dehumanized those who are seen as a burden. Comfort and convenience are now the new cardinal virtues of our modern society.

It is this mentality and this historic decay of the value of life that has allowed our Nation to treat the unborn as a disposable commodity.

Over the last five decades, we have treated the unborn as problems to be solved rather than children to be loved. Due to the incredible work of millions of patriotic Americans, abortion has been consigned to the ash heap of history. On this day, we thank those Americans who for over 50 years willingly and joyfully stood outside in the January cold for the March for Life.

On June 24, 2022, the United States of America declared to the world that, once again, our Nation will embrace the intrinsic worth and value of every human life.

This is a reminder, however, that our work is not yet done. We will continue to work and convince hearts and minds that the culture of life is worth preserving.

May all those who work to promote the cause of life forever know that their cause is true, their cause is beautiful, and their cause is good.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his commitment to the unborn and for those wonderful words.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD), who is a proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather committed to fighting for life.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give a voice to the voiceless all across our country and to speak out against the culture of death that has been perpetuated by the abortion industry here in America.

Our Founding Fathers enshrined in the Declaration of Independence the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I thought it very telling that our Vice President was speaking on this very issue just the other day, and she only mentioned two of those unalienable rights—only two of them. She left out life. I think she left out life because that is where we are at now. We talk about a culture of death, and we don't talk about life.

Our Nation cannot sit idly by as 1 million unborn children have this life taken from them every year—every year. This is advancing the normalizing of this culture of death.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to stand before you now and celebrate the fact that this culture of death is turning. The Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision doesn't end abortion in America, but by placing abortion decisions at the State level where it belongs, voters now have a greater voice in shaping our abortion laws. But that doesn't stop our resolve at the Federal level.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have fought to pass laws that respect life at every stage from conception to natural death and support both mothers and babies before and after birth.

Earlier this month, I proudly joined with my colleagues in the House to pass H.R. 26, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which simply ensures that babies who survive failed abortions receive the same life-saving care that all babies who live can receive. It is amazing to think that we have to pass a law like this.

Last week, I joined Congressman ALEX MOONEY to again introduce the Life and Conception Act which recognizes the humanity and life of the unborn and ensures they receive equal protection under the 14th Amendment.

Mr. Speaker, whether we take a child's life in the womb or we take it at First and Main, that is simply geography. Life is our most precious gift from God, and it is our obligation to protect the most basic of rights for our next generation.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for his remarks. He mentioned the culture of death, but we are working and we are succeeding in turning back into the culture of life and changing hearts and minds.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER), who is my great friend. My colleague from Minnesota is a true champion of life.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative FISCHBACH for allowing me to speak and for her leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. Over the past five decades, we have seen the devastation of this ruling which has led to the loss of tens of millions of innocent lives here in the United States.

I am heartened by the Supreme Court's reversal of this decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* last year and the countless lives that will now be saved each year.

For me and my family, the sanctity of life is deeply personal. Nearly 20 years ago, my wife, Jodi, and I became parents of a baby born with Down syndrome. Whenever I look at my son, Isaac, I see a miracle of God's special gift to our family.

Today, Isaac is an incredible, kind, and charming young man, and we know his future is bright.

Now imagine what kind of world we would be living in if every child was given the same chance to reach their potential. The world would be much better, and our collective future would be much brighter.

Since the start of the current Congress, the House has voted on two bills to protect and support life. I am proud that all of my Republican colleagues joined me in supporting these very important measures.

Unfortunately, very few of my Democrat colleagues joined us in support.

To those Democrats who joined us in defending life: I commend you for your courage to stand up to the radical wing of your party which pushes for abortion on demand without limits and paid for with taxpayer dollars.

The right to life should not be a partisan issue. I extend an olive branch to all of my Democratic colleagues from across the aisle and encourage them to join us in our fight for life and to protect the most innocent among us—the unborn. It is up to us to do what is right and always defend life.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for sharing his personal story and that strong and true support for life.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY), who introduced the Heartbeat Protection Act which would prohibit abortions when a fetal heartbeat is detected with the exceptions of rape, incest, and life of the mother, when necessary.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative FISCHBACH for hosting this Special Order tonight.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 7 months since the Supreme Court's landmark decision to overthrow *Roe v. Wade*. In that time, we have seen incredible progress to protect life around this

country, including right here in Washington, D.C.

Just last week, many tens of thousands of families came out to the annual March for Life to peacefully and prayerfully show their support for the unborn. The week before that, the new pro-life Republican majority took major steps to protect the unborn. We passed legislation to ensure babies who survive an abortion receive the healthcare they need and to condemn the attacks against pro-life crisis pregnancy centers.

All of this is so important, but it is only the first step. Advocates and people of faith around the country are going to their State and Federal lawmakers and asking for change.

It is my hope that this Republican majority will continue to pass pro-life legislation.

But my real question is: Where is the outrage?

Nearly 1 million unborn children are expected to die in 2023 from abortion in the United States of America where protecting life is our highest calling, where we are the first responder anywhere in the world anytime there is an attack on life, anytime there is a tragedy, and anytime there is a need for somebody to come there to try and save lives, and yet, in 2023, 1 million of the unborn will be aborted.

It is incredible to me that in a nation that has been blessed for so long with so much can turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the cries of the unborn.

My question is: Where is the outrage of my fellow Americans?

Where is the cry against this injustice that is taking place?

Where are we standing not as a political party but as citizens of the world?

As I said earlier, if there is a cry for help anywhere on this globe, it is America that will be the first responder. It is America that will be there to save lives. It is America that will go to any end of the world to help, and yet in our own country, we are willing to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the abortion of over 1 million babies a year.

Where is the outrage?

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania. We are here to speak up for the unborn. We hear their cry, and we will continue to fight and hear the unborn.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST), who with the House Congressional Pro-Life Caucus chair, CHRIS SMITH, helped lead the amicus brief in support of Mississippi's Dobbs case. The amicus brief was joined by more than 200 Members of Congress, including myself, and urged the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade. The Congressman from Mississippi was instrumental in that fight.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, on July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence wrote these words that form the very foundation of our great Nation: We hold these truths to be self-evident,

that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to say that we cannot and to say that we will not forget the duty of this Congress to defend the inalienable right to life.

We cannot forget the devastating impact that Roe v. Wade caused on families and the unborn.

That devastation would have continued if Dobbs v. Jackson—a case that proudly originated in my home State of Mississippi—had not come before the Supreme Court and opened the pathway to allow States to protect life.

If our great Nation can unite around any singular issue, it should be that life is sacred, that life is a gift from God, and that life should be protected.

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Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. GUEST for all of his work in defense of the unborn.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT), the Values Action Team chair and a long-standing protector of life.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I come to you tonight, as a lot of my colleagues are doing, recognizing the 50-year anniversary of the very flawed decision of Roe v. Wade.

Although the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last year, we cannot forget the lives that were lost during those almost 50 devastating years. The lives lost during the Roe era must serve as a reminder of why we continue to fight for life.

I have said before, and I will continue to say, that I am pro-life, I am pro-family, and I am pro-child.

In the wake of the Dobbs decision, many States, like my home State of Alabama, have taken steps to protect the unborn. However, there is more work to be done when it comes to protecting the lives of the innocent.

Just last week, the annual March for Life took place here in Washington, D.C., as has already been mentioned. Instead of marching on the Supreme Court, thousands of pro-life advocates marched on Congress. They know our work isn't finished, and they are calling on Congress to do our job to protect life.

I am proud to see that pro-life measures have already passed the House with bipartisan support in this new Congress. Also, I look forward to continued bipartisan efforts to protect the most vulnerable among us, and this should be, Mr. Speaker, a bipartisan issue.

This anniversary serves as a solemn reminder of the tragic losses as a result of Roe v. Wade, but it also serves as a reminder that the fight for life is not over.

I also thank Mrs. FISCHBACH for her leadership in organizing this hour to uphold the sanctity of human life.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate all the work Mr. ADERHOLT has done. We will continue our fight, and we will continue our work to protect unborn life.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as has been mentioned, prior to 1973, there would be what I would consider a consensus in this country that it would be horrific to prematurely kill a child in the womb.

At the time, as a practical matter, there were only two or three States in which abortion was legal, and there were times in this country before then in which every State considered abortion illegal.

We know what happened after Roe v. Wade. Over the next 50 years, over 73 million lives were cut short, people who would have had long lives and accomplished who knows how much. You can imagine how America would have changed if those people had actually lived.

Recently, Roe v. Wade was overturned, and there was a lot of elation because of that. However, since that time, I think six States have had referendums.

While it was widely believed that abortion should be illegal in 1973, despite the fact that we had ultrasounds at that time, despite the fact that again and again in workplaces we pass around pictures with the ultrasounds showing children at 3, 4, or 5 months old, American opinion was a disappointment. Even in conservative States like Michigan, Kansas, Montana, and Kentucky, the public voted pro-abortion.

What can we make of this? Because we have had the ultrasound in between Roe v. Wade and now, we have to say that, unfortunately, the people who should have been educating the public have failed to do their duty. The churches in the last 50 years allowed this shift of opinion to happen.

By the way, it should have been easy to explain why abortion was horrific because of the huge increase in ultrasounds. Instead, we are joining a handful of countries—Vietnam, North Korea, Red China—out there saying abortion should be legal in some States through birth. Is this how we repay our maker for this wonderful country that we have?

I call upon America to call upon the churches to educate the public on what is right and wrong, that every one of these children is a gift from God, and that it is time for America to wake up.

I do believe right now we have, as with so many other issues, a problem with the clergy in the country, but I hope Americans can ask their clergymen where they are when these decisions are being made all around the country and where they are when these referendums are coming before the people. We need more help from the mute clergy.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. GROTHMAN for his words and his commitment to the unborn.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON), a champion of life, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and my friend.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota for her leadership with this incredibly important Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight during this Special Order to reaffirm my commitment to protect and defend the sanctity of life.

From the moment I stepped foot into this Chamber in 2009, I cemented my promise to protect our most vulnerable, the unborn.

Our Founders enshrined in the Declaration of Independence three inalienable rights. The first is the right to life.

Tonight, we celebrate the right to life. Last year, the Supreme Court made it clear, determining the right to an abortion is the responsibility of the State, through the people and their elected officials.

Mr. Speaker, life matters. Friday marked the first March for Life since the end of Roe v. Wade. Tens of thou-

sands convened in Washington to celebrate the change from a national culture of death to one of life.

The evidence that life matters goes well beyond the Supreme Court, however, and the Supreme Court ruling that was finally delivered in 2022, shifting the defense of the innocent unborn to 50 State capitols.

Here is the evidence of why we should also celebrate, in addition to that ruling. In the United States, there are 2,500 pregnancy resource centers that support unborn babies and their parents. There are only 800 abortion clinics in this Nation. That is an amazing shift in numbers. Of the practicing OB/GYN doctors, 90 percent do not perform abortions.

God bless the pregnancy resource center staff that educate, encourage, and empower men and women to make informed life choices based on Christian principles and values, their trained client advocates and medical personnel, including registered nurses, certified phlebotomy technicians, and registered diagnostic medical sonographers.

Mr. Speaker, my position on life has always been clear. You can't be a

champion for the future of this great country if you are going to limit its potential. It is my strong belief that every child, every human life, is sacred and has a purpose in this world.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for his steadfast commitment to the unborn and strong support of the right to life.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of my colleagues who spoke this evening for standing up to give a voice to the voiceless unborn children, for standing up for life. Our Conference will continue to be strong for mothers and their unborn children.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2022, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

##### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Brian Modeste .....	11/20	11/23	Palau .....		842.00		14,059.77		2,154.75		17,056.52
Kenneth Degenfelder .....	11/20	11/23	Palau .....		842.00		12,921.99		2,154.75		15,918.74
Committee total .....					1,684		26,981.76		4,309.50		32,975.26

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. RAÚL M. GRUALVA, Jan. 2, 2023.

##### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Sisson, Donald .....	10/2	10/4	Portugal .....		430.00		1,280.19		425.50		2,135.69
Ismail, Lori .....	10/2	10/4	Portugal .....		430.00		1,288.69		425.50		2,144.19
Price, Matthew .....	10/2	10/4	Portugal .....		430.00		1,267.19		425.50		2,122.69
Waskiewicz, Stephen .....	10/2	10/4	Portugal .....		430.00		1,277.19		425.50		2,132.69
Sisson, Donald .....	10/4	10/7	Spain .....		1,017.00		1,513.27		133.33		2,663.60
Ismail, Lori .....	10/4	10/7	Spain .....		1,017.00		1,521.77		133.33		2,672.10
Price, Matthew .....	10/4	10/7	Spain .....		1,017.00		1,500.27		133.33		2,650.60
Waskiewicz, Stephen .....	10/4	10/7	Spain .....		1,017.00		1,510.27		133.33		2,660.60
Sisson, Donald .....	10/23	10/26	Belgium .....		1,359.72		966.29				2,326.01
Chambers, Kelly .....	10/23	10/26	Belgium .....		1,359.72		966.29				2,326.01
Sisson, Donald .....	10/26	10/28	France .....		1,079.76		966.29				2,046.05
Chambers, Kelly .....	10/26	10/28	France .....		1,079.76		966.29				2,046.05
Hon. McGovern, James .....	12/09	12/12	Cuba .....		1,179.00		728.59				1,907.58
Committee total .....					11,845.96		15,752.58		2,235.32		29,833.86

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HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN, Jan. 12, 2023.